

# EYFS & PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER



## PSLT WEEKLY ROUND-UP



**Mrs. Stokes**  
Head of Primary

It has been wonderful to see our school community come together once again, with both familiar faces and new ones joining us this year. The energy in the classrooms, corridors and all learning spaces has been palpable, as students and teachers alike have embraced the start of a new journey. We have been working hard to ensure that every child feels welcome and supported as they settle into their new classes.

Thank you to all our parents for your patience and understanding as we work through the challenges of afternoon pick-up traffic. We recognise that this process can be frustrating, and I assure you that we are doing everything we can to manage the situation and find the most suitable solution. Please read Page 3 thoroughly for further information.

I'm excited to announce that we will be launching **House Shirt Friday** on the final Friday of everything month! This initiative is designed to further support the development and growth of our school house system and to celebrate the achievements of our children each month. On House Shirt Fridays, all students should come to school wearing their house shirt along with PE shorts. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to show their house pride, and for us as a school community to come together and recognise their hard work and accomplishments.

I hope you find the information shared in this newsletter both useful and easy to access. Your feedback on this revamped document is greatly appreciated. Being the first week of the year, we have a lot of information to share today, in future weeks the newsletter will be much shorter.

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# COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- Year 1 Animal Dress Up Day
- School Photographs (all week)
- Term 1 External ECA Sign Up – Quad, 7.15-8.00
- Launch of Student Council and Eco Warriors

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Year 5/6 Head of Year Coffee Morning, 7.40-8.10, Primary Library
- Choir Auditions, Years 1 - 6, 7:15-8:00, MCPA (Music) Room
- Term 1 External ECA Sign Up – Quad, 7.15-8.00

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Year 3/4 Head of Year Coffee Morning, 7.40-8.10, Primary Library
- Year 2 Pirate Dress Up Day

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- Year 1/2 Head of Year Coffee Morning, 7.40-8.10, Primary Library

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- FS1/FS2 Head of Year Coffee Morning, 7.40-8.10, Primary Library

## REMINDERS

Please make sure all school uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles are labelled with your child's full name.

Students arriving to school on bikes or scooters should be wearing a **helmet** for their own safety.

# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

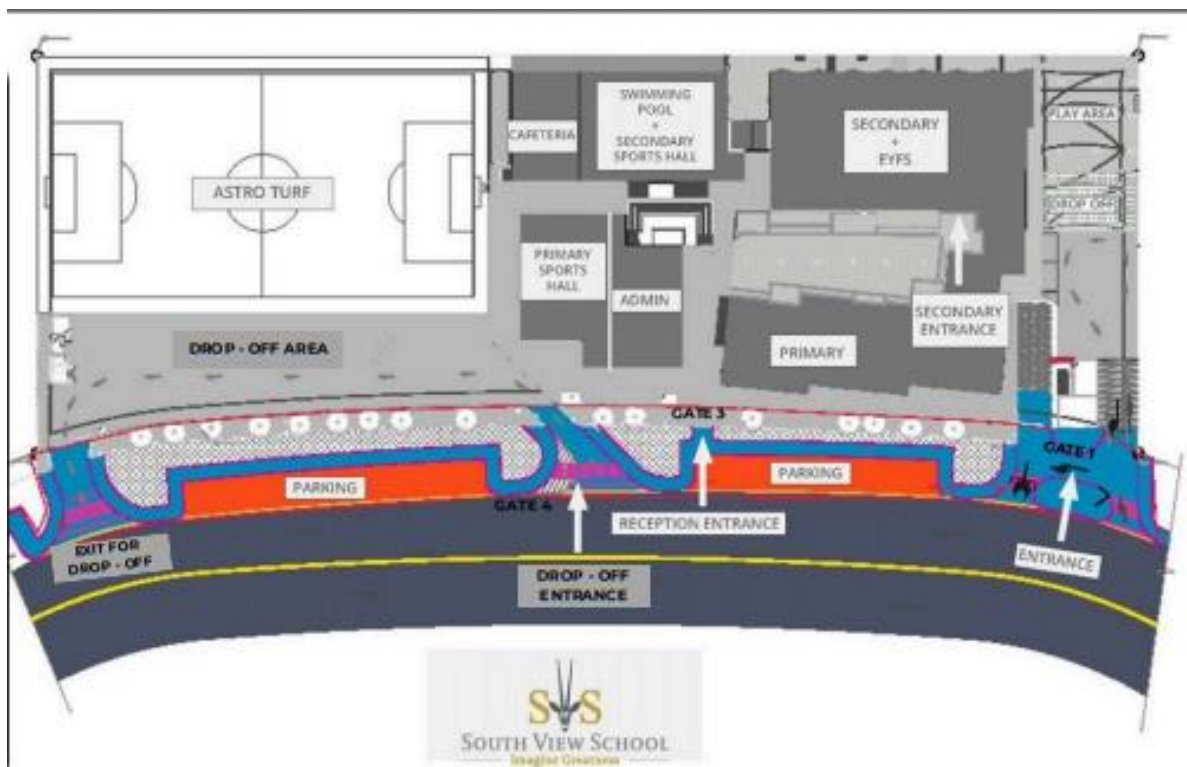
## AFTERNOON PICK UP – 2.20PM

For the next 2 weeks, the below changes will be made to afternoon pick-up arrangements to try to ease the traffic. Once the ECA programme begins, we hope this will not be needed.

- **FS2 Pick Up** – Parents collecting children from FS2 who **do not** have siblings higher up the school can enter through **Gate 1** from 2.00pm for a slightly earlier collection.
- **FS2 – Year 6 Pick Up** – The gates for all parents will now open at **2.10pm** – if you arrive to school early for collection, please collect your children promptly and leave the school site to allow later families to drive through.
- **U-Turn through Gate 4** – We are experiencing congestion build up by Gate 4 and 5 as parents are u-turning to exit the site. Once the school buses have safely left the parking area, Gate 4 will be opened, enabling parents to drive through and exit Gate 5. Please use this service once the gate is opened rather than u-turning on the road.

## KEY POINTS

- **Parking** – Please park in the allocated parking spaces only, or in the sand car park. Parking along the roadside causes more congestion outside of the school.
- **Traffic Marshalls** – Please listen to and respect the traffic marshalls that are on duty. We are all working together to make the drop off and pick up procedures as smooth as possible.



# SQUADS UPDATES



**Mrs. Teodoro**  
Director of Sports

## Introduction

Welcome to the new school year and to our vibrant sports community! We are thrilled to have your children join our sports program, especially with the range of opportunities that our students have in this year ahead.

## Trial sessions

This week we have been conducting trials during PE and swimming lessons. This process will continue next week, and parents will be informed on Friday, 6th of September if their child **has been selected** for any of the Term 1 squads.

## TERM 1 SQUADS:

- U8, U9, U10, U11 Boys Football
- U11 WSG boys' football
- U11 BSME boys' basketball
- U8, U9, U10, U11 netball
- Running club (aquathon, cross-country)
- Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 swim squad
- Development swim squad (start from 28.10)

Mr. Correia and Mrs. Courtney have scheduled an extra swimming trial session. If you do wish your child to attend this session kindly **fill in the form below**.

**Year 3 & Year 4 - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**September:** <https://forms.office.com/r/YXZ5TFcTWW>

**Year 5 & Year 6 - Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/CYXrkFq7Zt>

We will be also running a trial session for the U11 BSME boys' basketball team. Letters' have been sent to parents by email for invited children to attend this session. Kindly confirm your child attendance.

## PE & Squad presentation

Thank you to everyone who attended our PE & Squad Coffee Morning session. Your presence and support are greatly appreciated.

For those who couldn't make it, no problem at all! We've got you covered.

Below, you can find a link to the presentation that was shared during the session:

[PE & squads parents presentation.pdf](#)

We hope you find the information helpful, and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02.09 to 06.09 - Trials phase 2 – During PE/swimming lessons
- 02.09 - Year 3 & Year 4 swimming trial 2.30-3.30pm
- 03.09 - Year 5 & Year 6 swimming trial 2.30-3.30pm
- 03.09 - U11 BSME boys' Basketball trials (invite only)
- 06.09 - Squad selection sent to parents

# PASTORAL CARE

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



**Mr. Scott Webster**  
Associate Head Teacher -  
Pastoral

It has been lovely to welcome our new and returning students and I am so pleased to see them looking smart and ready to learn in their school uniforms. Please ensure that your children are meeting all aspects of the school uniform policy which has been shared. The key points to note are as follows:

- Completely black school shoes or trainers must be worn with school uniform.
- Students should only wear plain white, black or grey socks.
- Students with long hair should wear appropriate hair bands or clips.
- Only SVS branded long sleeve jumpers or jackets should be worn.
- Students are permitted to wear single studded earrings in each ear.
- School uniform shirts (not PE tops) should be tucked in.

## END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you to all families for their support during the first few days of term as Walk Home Alone (WHA) and Sibling Club arrangements have been put in place. The key points to note are as follows:

- WHA students should immediately leave school grounds via Gate 1 at the end of day.
- Older WHA students may collect their younger WHA siblings before leaving school grounds.
- WHA students must not go the Reception to await collection by family members.

## STUDENT COMMUNICATION

As Primary School students become more independent and responsible, I understand that some students may be given phones or smart watches that will allow them to communicate with parents. The key points to not are as follows:

- All primary students must give their phones to their class teacher at the start of the day.
- Phone will be returned to students at the end of day.
- Students are not permitted to communicate online with friends or family members on any devices during the school day.
- All messages for children from parents should be sent to the class teacher through Seesaw.



# SPECIALIST UPDATES

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ECAs)

### External ECAs



**Mr. Robert Whaites**  
ECA Coordinator



This year we will be working with a wide range of external companies to provide activities to our students. These include: Swimming, Gymnastics, Basketball, Tennis, Music, and more. We continue our partnership with ISM who provide additional activities such as Chess, Ballet, Street Dance, Language classes, Football, and more.

Please note that all external ECAs require extra payment, and the day of activity will be decided by the provider.

You will be able to register your child to these activities during the sign-up day, stated below.

Sign up days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September  
- 7:15 – 8:15 in the Quad (SVS Playground)

Official Start Date: Monday 9th September

### Internal ECAs

Alongside the activities stated above, we will of course be providing a host of internal activities on school campus after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A booklet detailing all the internal ECAs will be sent to parents during the week beginning: Monday 2nd September.

The sign up for these activities will be possible on the Engage platform between Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th September.

The official start date for the internal ECAs will be Monday 16th September.

Further updates will be sent accordingly.



# HEADS UP! : A WEEKLY OVERVIEW

## FS1

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

All About Me

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

**Maths:** To join in number songs.

**Reading:** To share a book with an adult.

**Writing:** To explore different mark marking tools.

**Science:** To look at the world map.

**Arabic:** To correctly repeat the greeting.



**Ms. Walker**  
Head of FS1

## FS2

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

All About Me

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

**Maths:** To link numerals 1-5 to their cardinal values..

**Reading:** To use pictures to create a story.

**Writing:** To write some of the letters in my name.

**Science:** To explore the different countries that make up our class.

**Arabic:** To identify the number of fingers.



**Ms. Walker**  
Head of FS2

## YEAR 1

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

Paws, Claws and Whiskers

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

**Maths:** To sort and count objects.

**Reading:** To identify Set 1 sounds.

**Writing:** To say what they want to write before sounding out a sentence.

**Science:** To identify a living thing.

**Arabic:** To distinguish the letter Alaf Shapes.



**Ms. Stanton**  
Head of Year 1

## YEAR 2

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

Land Ahoy!

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

**Maths:** To recognise tens and ones.

**Reading:** To explore a non-fiction text.

**Writing:** To write using capital letters and full stops.  
To make predictions.

**Science:** To identify the parts of a plant.

**Arabic:** To demonstrate students' current proficiency in Arabic Language skills.

**Islamic:** To show students current understanding of Islamic principles and practices.

**MSC:** To name the seven emirates.  
To name the rulers of the seven emirates.



**Mr. Larkin**  
Head of Year 2

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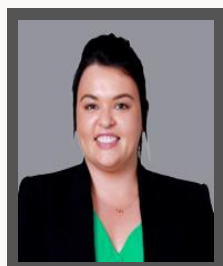
## YEAR 3

### OUR TERM 1A

#### TOPIC:

Predators

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING



**Ms. Ryan**  
Head of Year 3

**Maths:** To represent numbers to 100 using different methods.

**Reading:** To infer information from a text.

**Writing:** To identify a range of word types.

**Science:** To identify and group a range of foods.

**Arabic:** To demonstrate students' current proficiency in Arabic Language skills.

**Islamic:** To show students current understanding of Islamic principles and practices.

**MSC:** To explain what it mean to be respectful.

## YEAR 4

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

Lost at Sea

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING



**Mr. Didcott**  
Head of Year 4

**Maths:** To represent numbers in different ways.

**Reading:** To make predictions from details stated and implied.

**Writing:** To identify the key features of a fiction text.

**Science:** To identify common appliances that run on electricity.

**Arabic:** To demonstrate students' current proficiency in Arabic Language skills.

**Islamic:** To show students current understanding of Islamic principles and practices.

**MSC:** To understand equality and fairness.

## YEAR 5

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

Star Gazers

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING



**Mrs. Barlow**  
Head of Year 5

**Maths:** To read Roman numerals to 1,000 and recognize years.

**Reading:** To summarise the main ideas from a non-fiction text.

**Writing:** To explore the authors use of language.

**Science:** To understand the movement of Earth in relation to the Sun.

**Arabic:** To demonstrate students' current proficiency in Arabic Language skills.

**Islamic:** To show students current understanding of Islamic principles and practices.

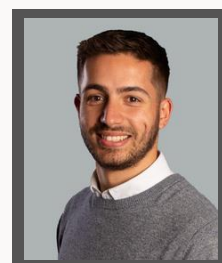
**MSC:** To understand why self respect is an integral part of respecting others.

## YEAR 6

### OUR TERM 1A TOPIC:

ID

### OVERVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING



**Mr. Kavanagh**  
Head of Year 6

**Maths:** To read and write numbers up to 10,000,000

**Reading:** To understand how to summarise a text

**Writing:** To create suspense within a piece of writing

**Science:** To explore the scientific concept of inheritance

**Arabic:** To demonstrate students' current proficiency in Arabic Language skills.

**Islamic:** To show students current understanding of Islamic principles and practices.

**MSC:** To explore what generosity and sympathy mean





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